

REMARKS

The indication that claims 1 - 9 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is acknowledged.

By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to provide the term "of" as suggested by the Examiner, such that the objection to claims 1 and 9 should now be overcome. Additionally, by the present amendment, in order to clarify the features of the present invention and avoid the points raised by the Examiner, each of the independent claims has been amended to recite the feature that the plural permanent magnets are arranged in parallel to said tracking direction and "at least with respect to" both ends of said movable unit as clearly illustrated in the drawings of this application. Additionally, in the remaining portion of each of the claims, the term "on" has been amended to "with respect to" so as to clarify the recited relationship as described and illustrated in this application. Furthermore, each of the independent claims has been amended to recite that "at least one of said permanent magnets" is arranged in the manner set forth in the last lines of each of the claims. Accordingly, applicants submit that claims 1 - 9, as amended, should now be considered to be in compliance with 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and such claims should now be in condition or allowance.

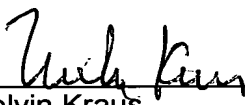
Also, by the present amendment new dependent claims 10 - 17 have been presented which respectively depend from claims 1 - 8 and further recite the feature that the plural permanent magnets are arranged on the yoke member, as illustrated in Fig. 1, for example. Applicants submit that claims 10 - 17 should be considered allowable with the parent claims thereof.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that all claims present in this application should now be in condition for allowance and issuance of an action of a favorable nature is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.43270X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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